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# 2 men charged with killing woman in 1978

By MARILYN MONTGOMERY Albany Democrat-Herald

Two men, including a dentist whose wife disappeared mysteriously two years ago, have been charged with murder in the 1978 death of a Eugene woman in central Oregon.

John Arthur Ackroyd, 42, 608 Airport Road, Saver (later, a longtime employee of the Oregon Highway Division, was arrested in Corvallis Friday.

He is an individual whom we have kept in contact with throughout the investigation," the sheriff said. "It remains an open, current investigation."

In an interview on Richards' birthday in 1991, Ackroyd told the Democrat-Herald that he had given up hope that the girl would be found.

The Jefferson County indictments against Beck were issued May 26. Lane County detectives arrested Beck on May 21 in Portland, Calif., where he lived.

## Picturing Albany's past



Mike Whitcomb of Albany and his daughter, Kelly, 4, stroll east a new mural painted on the Second Avenue wall of Two Rivers Market. The painting replaces the previous picture of a man and boy fishing. The new mural was designed by Councilman Scott In-

## Grass seed harvest is early



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## Bush: 'We're the leaders'

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — President Bush insisted today that the United States remains the leader in environmental issues. However, Japan offered at least \$1 billion to help clean up the planet, and the Third World developed more long term help.

## Committee looking to trim state budget

By CHARLES E. BEGGS The Associated Press SALEM — A special legislative committee is under way with an uncertain mission of reviewing the state budget midway through the 1991-92 budget period to determine what might be cut.

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